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SUBJECT: EXPORT RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED BY FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS

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1. HONG KONG, BEING A FREE PORT, HAS FEW CONTROLS ON IMPORTS, EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS OTHER THAN THOSE ARISING FROM INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS OR EXERCISED FOR THE PURPOSE OF HEALTH, SAFETY AND SECURITY. HONG KONG'S RESTRICTIONS ON EXPORTS ARE CONTROLLED BY MEANS OF EXPORT LICENSES, ISSUED BY COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT, HKG.

2. THE FOLLOWING GOODS MUST BE COVERED BY VALID EXPORT LICENSE WHEN EXPORTED FROM HONG KONG. UNDER NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES, TEXTILE EXPORT LICENSES ARE APPROVED TWO WORKING DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF APPLICATION WHILE NON-TEXTILE EXPORT LICENSES ARE APPROVED WITHIN 24 HOURS.

A. STRATEGIC COMMODITIES (LIST BEING POUCHED).

B. RESERVED COMMODITIES - RICE; FROZEN OR CHILLED BEEF, MUTTON, PORK; INCLUDING VEAL, LAMB AND ALL OFFALS, FROZEN

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POULTRY AND PARTS, COAL AND FIREWOOD - INSTITUTED TO

MAINTAIN DOMESTIC SUPPLIES IN CASE OF SHORTAGES.

C. AGRICULTURAL POISONS.

D. TEXTILES - HONG KONG HAS CONCLUDED EXPORT RESTRAINT AGREEMENT UNDER THE ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES ON EXPORTS OF CERTAIN TEXTILES TO THE U.S.A., SWEDEN, THE EEC, CANADA, AUSTRALIA, AUSTRIA AND IS APPLYING UNILATERAL EXPORT RESTRAINT IN CERTAIN TEXTILES TO NORWAY. IN ADDITION, AN EXPORT AUTHORISATION SCHEME IS EXERCISED ON TEXTILES EXPORTED TO SWITZERLAND. CONTROL OF TEXTILE QUOTAS IS EXERCISED BY COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT BY MEANS OF EXPORT LICENSING.

E. PROCESSED AND MANUFACTURED FOODSTUFFS - INSTITUTED FOR HEALTH PURPOSES. (EFFECTED 6/1/73)

F. ELECTRICAL PRODUCTS POWERED BY MAINS SUPPLY - INSTITUTED FOR SAFETY REASONS (EFFECTED 6/1/73)

G. ALL GOODS EXPORTED DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY TO SOUTHERN RHODESIA.

H. EXPORT OF DUTIABLE COMMODITIES (I.E. TOBACCO, LIQUOR AND HYDROCARBON OIL) MUST BE COVERED BY EXPORT PERMITS ISSUED BY COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT.

3. THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE EXEMPTED FROM LICENSING CONTROL DURING 1971-1975:

A. DIAMONDS

B. EMPTY BOTTLES AND CARBOYS

C. GOLD

D. INSECTICIDES CONTAINING PHOSPHORUS AND HOMOLOGOUS AND RELATED COMPOUNDS

E. SAND

F. SILVER BULLION

G. SILVER COINS MINTED IN CHINA

H. JAPANESE SHAVING BRUSHES

I. MEXICAN DOLLARS

J. CURRENCY NOTES AND COINS OTHER THAN FOR NORMAL PERSONAL EXPENDITURE IN CONNECTION WITH FOREIGN TRAVEL.

K. PLASTIC MATERIALS, REGENERATED CELLULOSE AND ARTIFICIAL RESIN.

R. UNTIL 1972, FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXCHANGE CONTROL, EXPORTS TO TERRITORIES OUTSIDE PRC, TAIWAN OR MACAO AND THE STERLING UNCLASSIFIED

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AREA HAD TO BE COVERED BY EXPORT LICENSES.

T. ALSO UNTIL 1972 FOR EXCHANGE CONTROL REASONS, WHEN EXPORTED TO PRC, TAIWAN OR MACAO, THE FOLLOWING PRODUCTS HAD TO BE COVERED BY EXPORT LICENSES:

A. COCONUT OIL

B. PETROLEUM AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS

6. UNDER EXPORT CONTROL IMPOSED BY DEPARTMENTS OTHER THAN COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT ARE:

- A. DANGEROUS DRUGS
- B. CARCASSES OR POULTRY PRODUCTS TO STERLING AREA
- C. EXPORT OF WILK BIRDS AND MAMMALS
- D. RADIO TRANSMITTING EQUIPMENT

7. HONG KONG HAS NO EXPORT DUTIES. HOWEVER, WITH EXCEPTION OF FOLLOWING TYPES OF GOODS, IMPORTS INTO AND EXPORTS OUT OF HONG KONG ARE SUBJECT TO TRADE DECLARATION CHARGE:

- A. TRANSHIPMENT CARGO
- B. TRANSIT CARGO
- C. ARTICLES EXPORTED BY THE GOVERNMENT OR THE ARMED FORCES OF THE CROWN
- D. SHIP AND AIRCRAFT STORES
- E. PERSONAL BAGGAGE, EXCLUDING MOTOR VEHICLES
- F. POSTAL PACKETS, THE CONTENTS OF WHICH ARE VALUED AT LESS THAN US\$800
- G. ADVERTISING MATERIAL, SAMPLES AND MATERIALS WHICH ARE EXPORTED SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXHIBITION
- H. GIFT OF A PERSONAL NATURE WHERE NO PAYMENT IS TO BE MADE BY THE RECEIVER
- I. USED EMPTY FREIGHT CONTAINERS

THE TRADE DECLARATION CHARGES ARE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

NOT EXCEEDING US\$800      US\$0.40

EACH ADDITIONAL US\$200      US\$0.10

THESE REVENUES ARE USED TO FINANCE HK'S TRADE DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES.

8. ABOVE LISTED RESTRICTIONS ARE ALL IN FORM OF EXPORT LICENSING WITH EXCEPTION OF VOLUNTARY TEXTILE AGREEMENT. POST DOES NOT BELIEVE THESE RESTRICTIONS HAVE AN ADVERSE UNCLASSIFIED

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EFFECT ON US TRADE NOR DO THEY DISTORT INTERNATIONAL TRADE. CROSS

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